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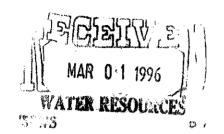
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February 27, 1996

Ms. Suzanne Knall US Corps of Engineers Sacramento District 402 Rood Avenue, Room 142 Grand Junction, CO 81501



Dear Ms. Knall:

I am writing to you in regards to a proposed wetland project on the Barbara A. Hankin property near Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans to construct the wetland with funds from the Partners For Wildlife program. We conducted on site survey work for the project last summer. Mrs. Hankin has hired the services of Mr. Jim Ficke (environmental consultant) and he is her representative. We plan to begin construction of this project in the late summer months of 1996 pending approval and authorization for the various permits required. In accordance with the requirements of Nationwide Permit Number 27, the Fish and Wildlife Service is requesting use of that permit for this wetland creation near Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

The following is a description of the proposed development:

The project will involve the construction of a 280 foot long dike across a sub-irrigated meadow. The dike will be approximately three (3) feet high at the inlet and eight (8) feet across the top with three to one (3:1) upstream slope and two to one (2:1) downstream slope. The base width will be approximately twenty-three (23) feet. All of the fill material will be taken from the wetland basin.

A two foot stop-log water control structure will be installed. The development will create a small wetland of approximately 2.23 surface acres for wildlife habitat, especially migratory birds. Water depth at the water control structure will be approximately two (2) feet and the average depth of the wetland basin will be approximately one (1) foot. Water to fill this wetland will come from spring runoff, seepage from the Baxter Ditch, and a small water right that will be purchased.

I have discussed with Mr. Ficke the possible water depletion aspect of the project and its potential adverse impact on endangered

species and their habitats downstream in the Colorado River drainage. Our Water Resources Division will determine evapotranspiration water losses resulting from this wetland development. The landowner has agreed to purchase additional water rights and replace any evapotranspiration water losses resulting from this wetland development. This released water should address the Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

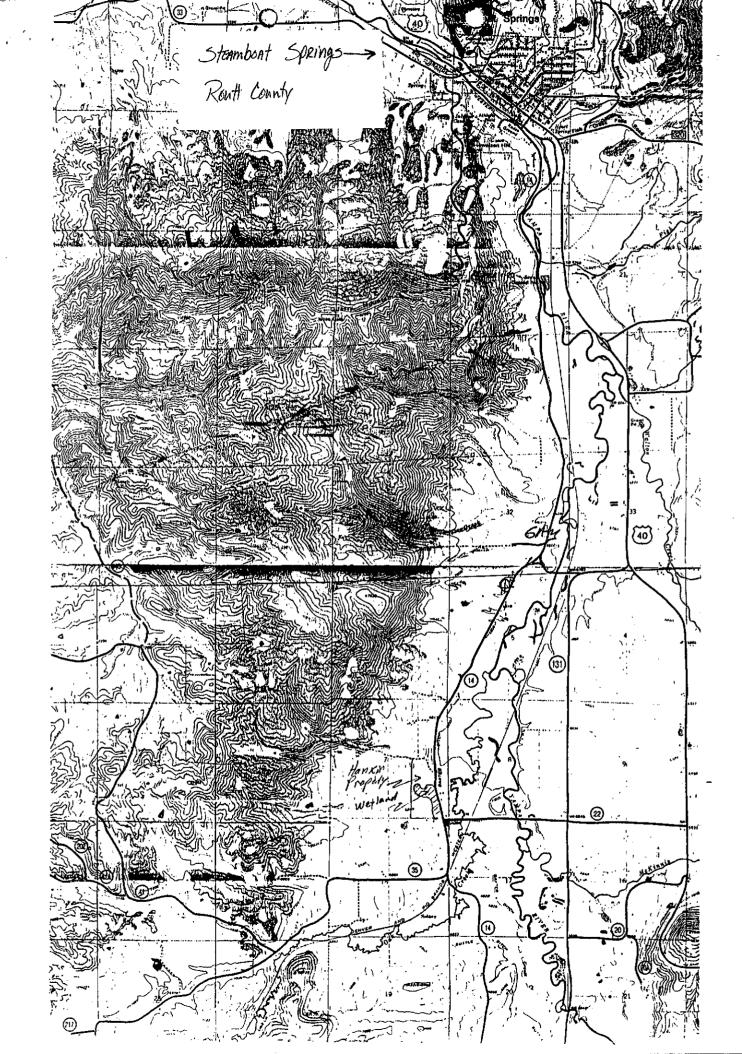
I would appreciate your review and response at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions please call me at the above address and telephone number.

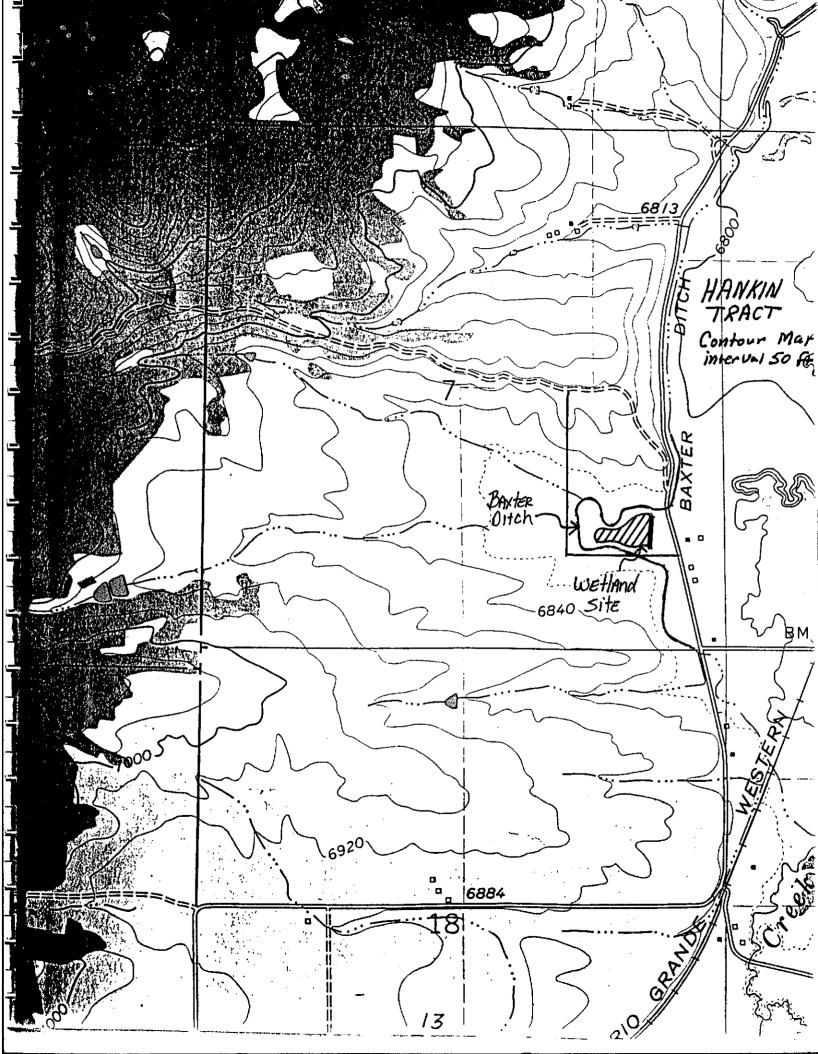
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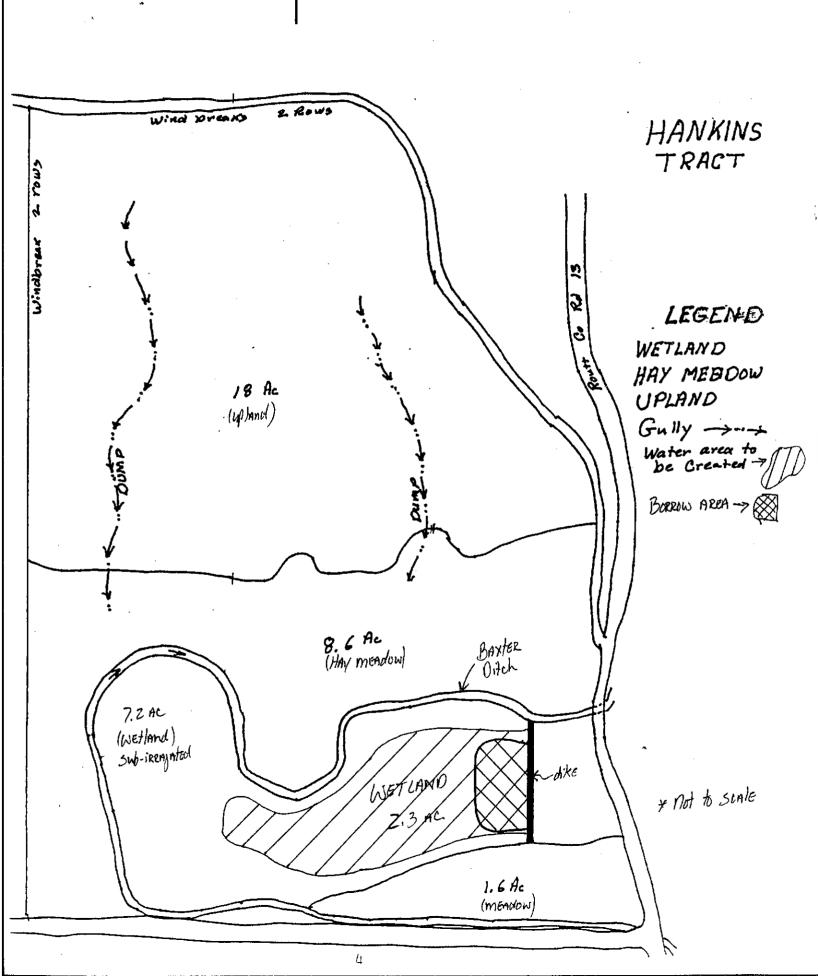
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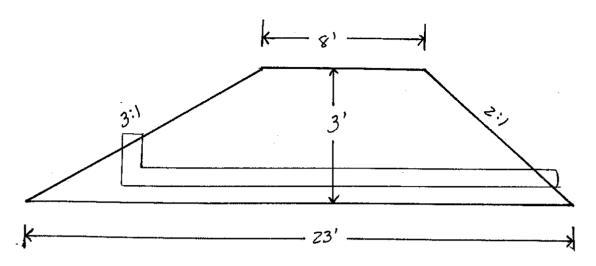
cc: Jim Ficke, Natural Resource Consultants, Steamboat Springs, CO Bill Noonan, FWS Ecological Services, Golden, CO Meg Estep Johnson, FWS Water Resources, Lakewood, CO







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